

made aware a little more maybe than they were before this, will be watching and might be able to come back in and say, hey, we got our fees increased again. I'm hopeful anyway, and I'm not sure that this is satisfactory to me at this point in time, but this is the best that I have been given.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, Senator Smith, I guess, in my opinion, what your amendment says is what is supposed to happen right now, but I guess I would have no problem with putting that language in there just to reaffirm that is the way it's supposed to work because any fees, you know, obviously should reflect the authority given to them by this Legislature and any extra for a proper cash reserve, and so I don't know how necessary it is to put it, the language in the statute, but I certainly see no harm in that I guess, so I would support the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Is there any further discussion? Senator Smith, did you wish to close on your motion to return?

SENATOR SMITH: I would just say that I hope people will consider this amendment or this motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment and I would also hope that in lean times the Real Estate Commission would be very willing to look at their budget and to look at how they might be able to cut it in such areas as travel, et cetera, as the rest of us have to do. With that, I'd just ask the body to support me in a return to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. We'll now proceed to vote on the return of LB 204 to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: The bill is returned to Select File. We'll now go to the amendment by Senator Smith. Senator Smith. (The Smith amendment appears on page 1241 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if Senator Beutler, I'd like to yield a little of my time. Maybe he could explain his reasoning for the first half of the amendment which really belongs to him and then I'd take the last part. Thank you.